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SUBJECT: TWO PESSIMISTIC VIEWS ON CURRENT LUANDA SITUATION:

MPLA AND THE MILITARY

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY; ADDIS FOR RSS; CINCEUR AND CINCLANT
FOR POLAD'S; NAIROBI FOR RCO

1. THIS MORNING CONGEN OFFICER SPOKE SEPARATELY WITH LOCAL
MPLA SOURCE AND INFORMATION OFFICER AT PORTUGUESE HIGH
COMMAND. SUMMARY OF THEIR ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL SITUATION
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FOLLOWS:

A. MPLA. SOURCE SAID LAST NIGHT WAS WORST IN MUCEQUES. KILLING, RIOTING, BURNING AND LOOTING CONTINUED ASPACE. ARMY UNABLE OR UNWILLING STOP THESE ACTIVITIES. SOURCE SEES NO PROSPECT FOR IMPROVEMENT AND STATES THAT UNLESS ARMY HAS CONTROL SITUATION BY AUG 15 HE EXPECTS BLACKS COME OUT OF MUCEQUES AND ATTEMPT DO UNTO WHITES AS IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE UNTO THEM.

B. HIGH COMMAND. THEY ADMIT INABILITY CONTROL SITUATION IN MUCEQUES, CLAIM THEY ARE TRYING BUT THAT SCOPE OF PROBLEM BEYOND THEIR HUMAN RESOURCES. MILITARY SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING ESTABLISHMENT STATE OF SIEGE WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS IF SITUATION DOES NOT IMPROVE. THEY NOW FEEL FNLA IS ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING, WITH AGITATORS FROM WITHIN, VIOLENCE IN THE MUCEQUES.

2. MPLA SOURCE TOLD CONGEN OFFICER THAT LUSAKA SUMMIT AGAIN POSTPONED WHILE PARTY LEADERS DISCUSS SITUATION. SOURCE STATED THAT YESTERDAY JUNTA SENT PLANE TO LUSAKA WITH MESTICO LAWYER FROM LOBITO, TEIXEIRA DA SILVA, TO ATTEMPT CONVERSATIONS WITH NETO. (HIGH COMMAND SOURCE OBLIQUELY CONFIRMED THIS.) LOCAL MPLA LEADERSHIP NOW THINKS THAT A TRIUMVIRATE WILL EMERGE FROM EVENTUAL LUSAKA MEETING WITH NETO AS EQUAL TO CHIPENDA AND ANDRADE. AT PRESENT MPLA WILL NOT RPT NOT COOPERATE IN FORMATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

3. HIGH COMMAND ADMITS TOTAL FAILURE OBTAIN COOPERATION OF ANY GROUPS IN FORMATION OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. THEY NOW PLANNING A NEW TACT TO BE ANNOUNCED IN 2-3 DAYS. PLAN NOT REVEALED TO US BUT, DESCRIBED AS "TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT" TO LEAD A "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT." ACCORDING SOURCE, SAVIMBI HAS AGREED TO GO ALONG WITH THIS NEW PLAN. JUNTA IN CONTACT WITH MPLA IN LUANDA, AND UNITA BUT NOT RPT NOT WITH FNLA AT THIS TIME. NORMALLY OPTIMISTIC SOURCE STATED GLUMLY THAT CIVIL WAR POSSIBLE IN ANGOLA. HE GAVE ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION THAT IDENTICAL TO OURS IN PARA 2, LUANDA 689. (FAMILY OF SOURCE NOW IN LISBON AND HE HAS NO INTENTION OF BRINGING THEM BACK.) ARMY AWARE RUMORS AUG 15 HAPPENINGS BUT NOT OF FURTHER

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DETAILS OR CORROBORATION. ASKED IF REFERENDUM COULD BE CONSIDERED "DEAD", SOURCE SAID NO BUT THAT IT "REMOTE."

4. CONGEN OFFICER INFORMED SOURCE OF DECISION TAKEN BY SEDCO TO EVACUATE ITS DEPENDENTS AND OF STRONG POSSIBILITY CABINDA GULF AND OTHER US OIL COMPANIES WILL FOLLOW SUIT. HE MADE NO ATTEMPT DISSUADE THEM FROM THIS COURSE. PORTER

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